

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-33 (Canceled):

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): ~~The A~~ polyester resin ~~according to Claim 1,~~
produced by polycondensing a dicarboxylic acid component containing an aromatic
dicarboxylic acid or its ester-forming derivative as the main component and a diol component
containing ethylene glycol as the main component in the presence of at least an antimony
compound and a phosphorus compound, via an esterification reaction or an ester exchange
reaction, which is characterized in that the amount of antimony eluted when immersed in hot
water of 95°C for 60 minutes in the form of particles having a number average particle
weight of 24 mg, is not more than 1 µg per 1g of the polyester resin, as antimony atoms (Sb),
wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the number of particles of at least 1 µm in the interior of the
resin is not more than 20 particles/0.01 mm³.

Claim 35 (Original): The polyester resin according to Claim 34, characterized in that
the content P of phosphorus atoms satisfies $0.1 \leq S \leq 20$ (weight ppm based on the
polyester resin).

Claim 36 (Original): The polyester resin according to Claim 34, characterized in
that the total content S of at least one member selected from the group consisting of antimony
atoms, aluminum atoms, zinc atoms and gallium atoms, satisfies $10 \leq S \leq 200$ (weight
ppm. based on the polyester resin).

Claim 37 (Original): The polyester resin according to Claim 34, characterized in that the content P of phosphorus atoms and the content Sb of antimony atoms satisfy the formula (8)

$$20 \geq \text{Sb/P} \geq 6 \quad (8)$$

(Sb: content of antimony atoms (weight ppm based on the polyester resin), P: content of phosphorus atoms (weight ppm. based on the polyester resin)).

Claim 38 (Original): The polyester resin according to Claim 34, characterized in that the content T of at least one member selected from the group consisting of titanium atoms, zirconium atoms and hafnium atoms, is $0.1 \leq T \leq 10$ (weight ppm, based on the polyester resin).

Claim 39 (Original): The polyester resin according to Claim 34, characterized in that the content Ti of titanium atoms is $0.5 \leq \text{Ti} \leq 6$ (weight ppm. based on the polyester resin).

Claim 40 (Original): The polyester resin according to Claim 34, characterized in that the total content M of at least one member selected from the group consisting of Group IA metal atoms, Group IIA metal atoms, manganese atoms, iron atoms and cobalt atoms, satisfies $0.1 \leq M \leq 100$ (weight ppm based on the polyester resin).

Claim 41 (Original): The polyester resin according to Claim 40, characterized in that the Group IIA metal is magnesium atoms, and their content Mg and the content P of phosphorus atoms satisfy $1.5 \leq \text{Mg/P} \leq 15$ (weight ppm based on the polyester resin).

Claim 42 (Original): The polyester resin according to Claim 34, characterized in that the phosphorus compound is a pentavalent phosphoric acid ester.

Claim 43 (Original): The polyester resin according to Claim 34, characterized in that it is a polyester resin obtained by melt polymerization, having an intrinsic viscosity of from 0.55 to 0.70 dl/g, the carboxylic acid terminal number is not more than 50 equivalents/ton resin, and the volume resistivity is from 1×10^6 to $1 \times 10^{10} \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$.

Claim 44 (Original): The polyester resin according to Claim 34, characterized in that when formed into a biaxially stretched film by the method as described in this specification, projections on the film surface are such that:

those having heights of at least $0.27 \mu\text{m}$ and less than $0.54 \mu\text{m}$ are at most 50/200 cm^2 ,

those having heights of at least $0.54 \mu\text{m}$ and less than $0.81 \mu\text{m}$ are at most 10/200 cm^2 , and

those having heights of at least $0.81 \mu\text{m}$ and less than $1.08 \mu\text{m}$ are at most 3/200 cm^2 .

Claim 45 (Original): A polyester film obtainable from the polyester resin as defined in Claim 34.

Claim 46 (Original): A polyester fiber obtainable from the polyester resin as defined in Claim 34.

Claims 47-49 (Canceled):